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SUBJ: BAG PREPARATION FOR BELGIAN GRAIN AIRDROP - CHAD

REF: (A) FORT LAMY 1320; (B) BRUSSELS 4702;  
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1. RE PARA (2) REF A, STRONGLY RECOMMEND PURCHASE TWO OR THREE FISCHBEIN/BAG STITCHING MACHINES. SEWING BY HAND IS TOO SLOW; WITHOUT MACHINES YOU WILL FIND IT DIFFICULT IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE TO KEEP UP WITH QUANTITY SACKS NEEDED FOR FREE-FALL AIRDROP BY BELGIANS.

2. SUGGEST YOU GET VERY AMPLE SUPPLY THREAD BECAUSE COST IS MODEST, AND YOUR OPERATION MAY GO ON LONGER THAN ORIGINALLY EXPECTED. REF (B) ENVISAGES STRING FOR 12,000 BAGS, WHICH IS ONLY ENOUGH FOR TWO HUNDRED TONS. BELGIAN C-130 DROPPED THIS AMOUNT FREE-FALL IN TEN DAYS HERE. SUGGEST YOU TRIPLE AMOUNT THREAD TO COVER ANY POSSIBLE FUTURE OPERATIONS.

3. PRESENTLY IN OUAGA WE HAVE ONLY TWO MACHINES, WHICH ARE UNCLASSIFIED

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NEEDED FOR PRESENT FRENCH AIRDROP AND ANTICIPATED BELGIAN

AIRDROP OPERATIONS. SORRY, NONE AVAILABLE FOR LOAN TO FT LAMY.

4. SOME OF OUR AIRDROP EXPERIENCE SUMMARIZED IN REF (C).  
FURTHER TESTS AND EXPERIENCE HAVE CONFIRMED NEED USE THREE  
OVERSIZE JUTE SACKS, PREFERABLY NEW ONES. TRUST YOU HAVE AMPLE  
SUPPLY SACKS; THIS TYPE OPERATION IS VERY VORACIOUS FOR SACKS.

5. STRONGLY RECOMMEND YOU FABRICATE THREE STEEL CHUTES FOR  
LOADING SACKS. SUITABLE CHUTE CAN BE MADE FROM PIECE OF  
METAL ROOFING SUPPORTED BY STEEL LEGS. ROOFING SHOULD BE  
CURVED ROUGHTLY TO SHAPE OF SACK AND MOUNTED IN INCLINED  
POSITION SEVERAL FEET OFF FLOOR. THEN WORKERS CAN RAISE BAG  
OF GRAIN ONTO CHUTE AND LET IT SLIDE DOWN INTO EMPTY BAG HELD  
AT BOTTOM OF CHUTE.

6. PCV THOMAS BROWN FROM UPPER VOLTA, EXPERT FROM OUR  
SACKING OPERATION, HAS BEEN IN NIAMEY HELPING SET UP SACKING  
OPERATION THERE. IF BELGIAN PLANE FLYS TO FORT LAMY VIA  
NIAMEY, IT COULD PICK UP BORWN AND ONE STEEL CHUTE TO  
HELP GET FORT LAMY OPERATION STARTED. EMBASSY/FORT LAMY WOULD  
HAVE TO COVER HIS PER DIEM AND COMMERCIAL RETURN FARE TO  
NIAMEY. ADVISE NIAMEY AND OUAGA.EASUM

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